

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 11, 14, 16, 19 are amended and claims 3, 8, 13 and 18 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer; thus, the pending claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-12, 14-17 and 19-23 remain for reconsideration, which is respectfully requested.

No new matter has been added and accordingly, entry and approval of amended claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 11, 14, 16, 19 is respectfully requested.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-12, 14-17 and 19-23 are pending.

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-12, 14-17 and 19-23 are rejected.

ITEMS 4-7: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-3, 5-8, 10-13, 15-18 AND 20-23 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER FUJIEDA, U.S. PATENT PUBLICATION NO. 2001/0007997 (HEREINAFTER “FUJIEDA”), IN VIEW OF CHARTIER ET AL., U.S. PATENT NO. 6,636,211 (HEREINAFTER “CHARTIER”)

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 1 is amended to include features from dependent claim 3, and recites: “the processing unit **displays** on the display unit **the relationships** of the file information, corresponding to the icon data and **having different generations, by lines connecting related icon data.**”

The Office Action, in rejecting claim 3, asserts that FIG. 10 and paragraphs 145-150 of Fujieda disclose the same.

FIG. 10 of Fujieda shows that a plurality of parts are connected with lines. However, the plurality of parts which are connected by lines in the display of Fujieda all belong to the same phase.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Fujieda fails to disclose, either expressly or implicitly, the claimed “wherein ... the processing unit **displays** on the display unit **the relationships** of the file information, corresponding to the icon data and **having different generations, by lines connecting related icon data,**” because the lines connecting the plurality of parts in FIG. 10 of Fujieda connect a plurality of parts in the same phase.

Furthermore, in FIGS. 1 and 2 of Chartier, for example, the icon of the part is shown with icons of the components forming the part.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Chartier fails to disclose, either expressly or implicitly, the claimed "wherein ... the processing unit **displays** on the display unit **the relationships** of the file information, corresponding to the icon data and **having different generations, by lines connecting related icon data**," because the display of Chartier merely shows the components forming the part and does not display the relationships of icons of a plurality of parts of different generations by lines connecting the related icons.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that a *prima facie* case of obviousness cannot be based upon Fujieda and Chartier, because there is no evidence that one skilled in the art would combine Fujieda's phase display with Chartier's icon display, and modify the combination to include the claimed "wherein ... the processing unit **displays** on the display unit **the relationships** of the file information, corresponding to the icon data and **having different generations, by lines connecting related icon data**," as recited in claim 1.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 6, 11, 16 and 23 patentably distinguish over the cited reference for similar reasons as independent claim 1.

Dependent claims 2, 5, 7, 10, 12, 15, 17 and 20-22 are patentably distinguishing at least due to their dependence from the independent claims and/or for reciting patentably distinguishing features of their own. Withdrawal of the rejection of the pending claims and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

ITEMS 8-9: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 4, 9, 14 AND 19 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER FUJIEDA, IN VIEW OF CHARTIER, IN FURTHER VIEW OF MILLER ET AL., U.S. PATENT NO. 6,661,437 (HEREINAFTER "MILLER")

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dependent claims 4, 9, 14 and 19 are patentably distinguishing at least due to their dependence from the independent claims and/or for reciting patentably distinguishing features of their own. Withdrawal of the rejection of the pending claims and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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